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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, I am submitting a completed "INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANTS" (*Form PTO/SB/08A*) with patents and/or publications as delineated therein attached.

FR 2 239 916 discloses a method for the reduction of carbon monoxide emissions and non-burned residues in a gas-fired heating installation, characterized in that:

- flue gases are routed from the burner to a discharge opening positioned at a distance from the said burner, such that any contact between the flue gases and the ambient atmosphere is prevented;
- at the same time, a cold air stream which is drawn from the ambient atmosphere is injected into the flue gas stream at a point between the burner and the discharge opening;
- flue gases are mixed with the cold air stream at this point;
- the mass of flue gases, diluted by the cold air stream, is evacuated via the discharge opening.

FR 2 341 100 discloses that an advanced infrared radiator, of the type in which the combustion of gases is completed in a primary infrared radiation burner, in combination with a catalyzer device which is designed to eliminate non-burned combustion gases and toxic gases, characterized in that the gases produced by combustion in the primary burner, which is located on the exterior of the radiator such that combustion is completed in the open air and infrared radiation is discharged directly, before final discharge into the ambient atmosphere are compelled to pass through a catalyzer medium which is arranged on the interior of the radiator in a chamber which is located above the main radiator, into which the combustion

gases are admitted, by the action of convection, via one or more channels or openings in the lower partition of the chamber, such that the combustion gases are automatically routed from the exterior of the radiator to the interior, whereby the chamber in question will also admit an appropriate and controlled volume of ambient air, which will serve as the primary air for the post-combustion on the catalyzer medium of exhaust gases from the primary infrared burner.

FR 1 163 523 discloses that the object of the invention is the application of improvements to domestic combustion heating installations with no exhaust gas discharge, specifically of the liquefied gas-fired type, the said improvements consisting essentially – in combination with the inclusion in devices of this type of at least one primary combustion chamber in which an appropriate fuel is burned, preferably a gas which is dispensed from a liquefied gas tank – of the collection of exhaust gases discharged from the above-mentioned primary combustion chamber in a secondary combustion chamber, the interior of which is equipped with an oxidation catalyzer which is capable of initiating the post-combustion of the major proportion of at least the non-burned residues which are still present in the above-mentioned exhaust gases, specifically carbon monoxide and other constituents which will vary according to the nature of the source fuel, for example sulphurous constituents, as a result of which the thermal efficiency of the device will not only be improved by the post-combustion of non-burned residues, but the exhaust gases discharged into the premises in which the device is situated will be virtually odourless and free of toxic substances; more specifically, the invention relates to a certain mode of application (by which the invention is to be applied to domestic liquefied gas-fired radiators with no exhaust gas discharge) and to certain modes of construction for the above-mentioned improvements; more specifically, for the development of new industrial products, the invention relates to devices of the type considered which incorporate the same improvements, together with the specific tools and components required for the realization thereof and units or installations which are equipped with devices of this type.

ES 245660 discloses an infrared gas oven comprising a casing subdivided into two compartments, one at the front, in the lower part of which is situated the burner and ignition and safety elements, and the other at the back which serves as housing for the gas bottle and has a rear access door, characterized in that the burner is constituted of a single part tray of approximately horizontal rectangular configuration, with the bottom inclined in transverse direction, the lower longitudinal wall of greatest height of which has an internal flange,

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slightly inclined outwards, whilst the other three walls have coplanar external flange paths, said tray being divided into transverse chambers by means of partitions which pass between the longitudinal walls and are fixed to the bottom, between the partitions and walls of the tray of which are mounted ceramic plates for homogenisation of the mixture and combustion, each one of these chambers being crossed by a mixture supply conduit which penetrates through an opening made in the largest wall of the tray which passes to an inclined upper partition which projects from the upper wall, the above-mentioned tray being surrounded by a carrier deflector of a refractory mesh, mounted between two opposite channels formed along the smaller edges of the contour defined by the deflector.

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